

**DGS Employees of the Week:  
DGS Maryland Charities Team  
*Making a Difference***

Our DGS Employees of the Week are the members of the DGS Maryland Charities Team. From bake sales to basket sales they are busy raising money and encouraging coworkers to “Make the Choice to Make a Difference,” which is this year’s Maryland Charities Campaign theme.



Linda Trimper from Legal and Katie Crawford from Real Estate kicked things off in early October by raising \$335 with a bake sale and flea market. The combination also proved to be a success the second time around, with Cathy Marzola from Procurement and Shirley Reid of Baltimore Facilities raising more than \$500 with another bake sale and flea market.

Next up is the Meatball Sub Sale sponsored by the Office of Facilities Planning, Design and Construction and coordinated by Marci Stierhoff and Christy Johnnanesen. Just \$7 gets you an Italian meatball sub, bag of chips and a can of soda or bottled water. Stop by the 14<sup>th</sup> floor at 11:30 am on Wednesday, November 6.

Adonna Robinson in Fiscal and Personnel is coordinating ticket sales for the basket bonanza. This year’s line-up features the following themes: spa/bath, chocolate, Italian, pizza, movie night and electronics. Tickets will be sold in the lobby of 301 West Preston St. from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm on November 7 and 20, as well as December 4. Winners will be announced on December 4.

Around the State, the Multi-Service Centers are holding 50/50 raffles in each region until November 15. And golfers take note, the Maryland Capitol Police is organizing a putting contest to kick-off the week of November 8.

And thanks to the Governor and Lt. Governor, the statewide campaign is offering a couple of terrific incentive prizes this year:

- 2 Ravens Tickets – Online donor, chosen at random, who donates on or before 11/8
- 2 Ravens Tickets – Leadership donor (\$500 or more), chosen at random, who donates on or before 11/8

“It is gratifying to see the energy and commitment that our employees generate by planning our special events,” said Alvin C. Collins, DGS Secretary. “These personal touches are what define a successful campaign.”

Maryland Charities Campaign donations can be directed to more than 700 charities that serve meals to the hungry, provide addictions counseling, support women's groups, plant trees, help adults earn their GEDs and engage in many other worthwhile causes.

You don't have to look too far to find proof that your donation does make a difference. As you may recall, DGS invited a local organization, Progress Unlimited, Inc., to one of our MCC events last year. Because of the generous donations of DGS employees, the group was able to install a specially designed sensory perception room at its facility that had long been a dream for them.

There was a great turnout for the annual Leadership Givers breakfast last week (see photo). Attendees heard from special guest Ted Blankenship from Moveable Feast in East Baltimore, one of this year's participating charities. The DGS campaign hopes to have 39 Leadership Givers again this year, to match our record high from 2012. Leadership Giving starts at the \$500 level and can be done through payroll deductions.

Pledge cards were distributed last month, but you can also access the MCC directory and donate online at [www.MDCharity.org](http://www.MDCharity.org).

Thanks to the DGS Maryland Charities Team for *Doing Great Service*. Team members include: Janet Cora, Adonna Robinson, Karen Ryan, Amy Mahoney, Thelma McClellan, Linda Trimper, Liz Armstrong, Regina Augins, Shirley Reid, Sarah Pope, Dennine Queen, James Rigney, Terry Wade, Christy Johannesen, Cathy Marzola, Jason Smith and Katie Crawford. And Greg Jones from DGS/MCP is a loaned executive this year, working with the State campaign managers to help ensure a smooth campaign.